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Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leave a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.





T'CHALLA USED TO BE THE KING OF WAKANDA UNTIL THE NATION BECAME A DEMOCRACY AND EXILED THEIR FORMER RULER. BUT AS THE BLACK PANTHER, EMPOWERED BY THE HEART-SHAPED HERB AND THE CHAMPION OF THE GODDESS BAST, HE REMAINS WAKANDA'S PROTECTOR...

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## BLOOD HUNT

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### PREVIOUSLY

The **DARKFORCE DIMENSION** has erupted and created an eternal night—allowing vampires everywhere to launch a brutal attack against humanity! **BLADE** leads the vampires—and when his **BLOODCOVEN** attacked the **AVENGERS**, **BLACK PANTHER** was turned into a vampire and sent to Wakanda in search of a hidden temple that is key to Blade's plan! But the panther goddess **BAST** has a message of warning for T'Challa...

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EONS AGO.  
THE FIRST  
BLASPHEMY.

WE SHOULD NOT  
HAVE COME HERE.

NO!  
PLEASE!

THE **STRANGER** SAID THERE WAS  
A BOUNTY TO BE FOUND ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER.

HE SHONE WITH **ORNAMENTS**  
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAD  
NEVER SEEN. MORE BRILLIANT THAN  
**GOLD**. STRONGER THAN **IRON**.

HE SAID IT COULD ALL  
BE OURS IF WE  
WOULD FOLLOW HIM.

WE DID NOT KNOW THE  
**METAL** WOULD SERVE  
AS OUR **CHAINS**.

**KHONSHU!**  
PROTECT ME! GUIDE  
ME TO FREEDOM!





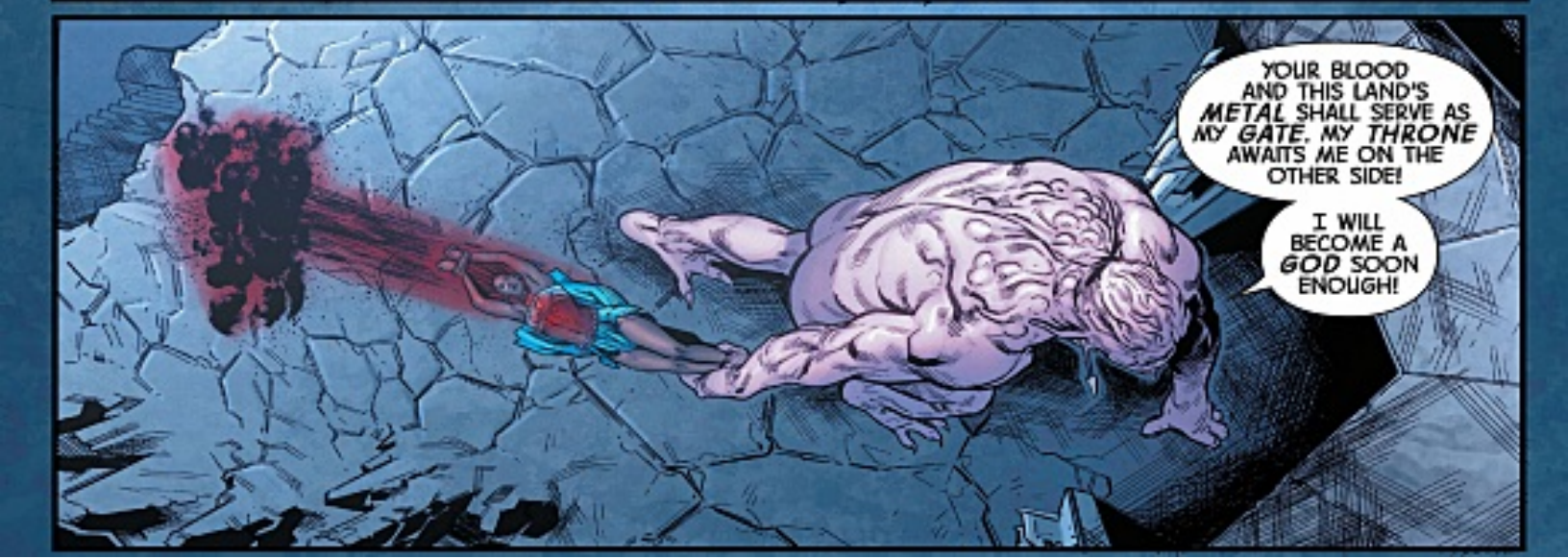
**KHONSHU**  
HAS NO CLAIM  
HERE! THIS LAND  
AND THIS **TEMPLE**  
ARE **MINE!**

**NO!**



**SCHRRRRRIIP**

AND  
SO ARE  
**YOU!**



YOUR BLOOD  
AND THIS LAND'S  
**METAL** SHALL SERVE AS  
MY **GATE**. MY **THRONE**  
AWAITS ME ON THE  
OTHER SIDE!

I WILL  
BECOME A  
**GOD** SOON  
ENOUGH!





NO BLOOD  
OF A FOLLOWER  
IS SHED IN VAIN,  
MY CHILD. YOUR  
DEATH WILL BE  
AVENGED.

STAY  
YOUR HAND,  
KHONSHU.



THE DEMON  
ACTS AS IF A GOD,  
BAST! HE MUST  
BE BROUGHT  
DOWN!

BY YOUR  
KHONSHU OF  
THE ENNEAD\*\* AND  
WHAT WILL THE ORISHA\*\*  
SAY IF YOU EXERT YOUR  
POWER IN A LAND  
UNSPOKEN FOR?

I SPEAK  
FOR OUR  
PEOPLE!

AND  
THEIRS AS  
WELL!

\*EAST AFRICAN PANTHEON.

\*\*WEST AFRICAN PANTHEON.

IF YOU ACT  
ALONE, IT WILL BE  
SEEN AS A GREAT OFFENSE.  
CALL THE OTHERS. BEFORE  
YOU FOOLISHLY START  
A WAR BETWEEN  
THE GODS.





NOW.  
MSITU WA DHABIHU.  
WAKANDAN  
NATURE  
PRESERVE.  
SUNDEATH:  
29:08:25.



YOU HAVE  
DISAPPOINTED ME,  
T'CHALLA.

BASTI!

FOLLOW  
ME.







THESE  
WATERS WERE  
ONCE BARREN  
LAND.

**ANUKET**  
FLOODED THE  
REGION AS A  
GIFT TO WAKANDA.  
A CONSOLATION  
FOR HAVING  
LEFT THIS REALM  
UNPROTECTED.

THE **ORISHA**  
AND THE **ENNEAD**  
VOWED THAT WOULD  
NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

AND YET HERE  
YOU ARE, THE **LAST**  
OF THE **FIRST**, POISONED  
BY THE VENOM OF **VARNÆ**.  
ALL DUE TO OUR LACK  
OF DILIGENCE.

BECAUSE THAT  
IS WHAT YOU ARE.  
YOUR PEOPLE--**YOUR**  
**LINE**--WERE THE  
**FIRST PEOPLE**  
OF THIS LAND.

THE LAST OF  
THE FIRST, **BLADE**  
ALSO CALLED ME  
THAT. WHY?



WE DID NOT  
KNOW MANKIND WOULD  
BE SO INQUISITIVE AS TO  
INSPECT THE DARKEST  
WILDERNESS!

THE  
WAKANDAN QUEST  
FOR KNOWLEDGE  
WAS INITIALLY YOUR  
**DOWNFALL**. BUT IT  
LATER BECAME  
YOUR **GREATEST**  
**TRIUMPH**.





IT WAS **KHONSHU** WHO DISCOVERED THAT THE FIRST HAD BEEN ENSLAVED BY **VARNAE**. THE DEMON HAD STOLEN **VIBRANIUM** FROM THE FIRES OF **PTAH** AND DARED TO USE THE METAL FOR SHACKLES TO BIND MANKIND AND A GATE FROM WHICH TO ASCEND TO **GODHOOD**.

THE DEMON TOILED FOR MANY NIGHTS UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, BUT WHEN THAT **SHINING METAL** SNARED THE LIGHT OF THE **FULL MOON**, **KHONSHU** WAS MADE AWARE OF **VARNAE'S** MACHINATIONS AND WAS COMPELLED TO INTERVENE.

SUCH A DESECRATION COULD NOT GO UNAVENGED.

AND SO, WHEN **RA** SUBMERGED ONCE MORE IN SLUMBER, THOSE OF US WHO GUARD THE NIGHT GATHERED BENEATH THE **CRESTING MOON**.

**KHONSHU**

**GHEKRE**

**PTAH**

**ESHU**

**BAST**







OUR MISTAKE WAS THAT WE FOCUSED ON VARNAE'S DEFEAT RATHER THAN HIS DESTRUCTION. HIS BODY WAS NEVER RECOVERED--NOR WAS HIS TEMPLE. THAT CARELESSNESS LEFT THE POSSIBILITY FOR HIS RETURN.

AND NOW HE HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY. BUT HE WILL NOT HAVE THAT ADVANTAGE FOR LONG.

ANUKET.

MY SISTER, I KNOW THAT YOU HEAR ME, PLEASE, COME.

SPLASH

YOUR TROUBLES MUST BE PLENTY TO SEEK ONE SUCH AS ME!

INDEED, I AM TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FLOOD.

AND WHAT BLAZE AM I TO PUT OUT?

VARNAE, THE DEMON'S PROGENY HAS RALLIED. ONE OF THEM HAS TURNED MY CHAMPION.

ANUKET.

PITY. HE IS A BEAUTY.







"BUT LET THIS BE  
A LESSON ABOUT  
LOOSE ENDS."





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SUNDEATH:  
29:22:54.

YOUR LACK OF  
KNOWLEDGE REGARDING  
T'CHALLA'S WHEREABOUTS  
IS OF CONCERN, SHURI.  
WAKANDANS ARE NOT  
KNOWN TO LEAVE  
LOOSE ENDS.

THESE ARE  
TRYING TIMES. AND  
AS YOUR PEOPLE ARE  
KNOWN TO SAY, "AM  
I MY BROTHER'S  
KEEPER?"

AFTER ALL,  
WAKANDA IS  
NOW A FREE  
NATION.

HOW FREE IS  
IT IF THE ELITE OF YOUR  
LAND SEEK DOOM'S ASSISTANCE  
TO ESCAPE IT? IT SUGGESTS  
THAT TO BE BEHOLDEN TO A  
KING IS PREFERABLE  
TO A SMALL EXISTENCE  
PLAGUED BY  
DEMONS, NO?

IS LATVERIA NOT  
THE TRUE FREE NATION? DOOM'S  
PEOPLE HAVE NO FEAR OF THE DARKNESS!  
YET WAKANDA COWERS BENEATH A PROVISIONAL  
CONSTRUCT TO BEG DOOM FOR PROTECTION.  
PROTECTION THAT YOUR HASTILY COBBLED  
ARTIFICIAL SUN FAILS TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE.



YOU HAVE DONE A FORMIDABLE JOB IN KEEPING THE ENERGIES OF THE DARKFORCE DIMENSION AT BAY. I CAN ADMIT THAT LATVERIA IS THE SAFEST REGION BY FAR—



THEN YOU CAN SEE WHY DOOM WOULD NOT BE AMENABLE TO SUBJECTING THIS LAND TO THE POTENTIAL RISK OF REFUGEES. SINCE YOU HAVE STATED THAT YOU ARE UNAWARE OF YOUR BROTHER'S LOCATION OR CONDITION, T'CHALLA SERVES AS AN ERRANT FACTOR. AND THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA SERVE AS HIS SIREN SONG.



THEY SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BREACH LATVERIA'S BORDERS ONLY FOR A COMPROMISED KING TO ARRIVE AT THEIR HEELS. UNTIL YOU CAN BE MORE FORTHCOMING REGARDING T'CHALLA'S STATUS, DOOM CONSIDERS THESE TALKS CONCLUDED.



...  
PRINCESS?

I AM FINE, OLUCHI. WE ARE FINE. I WILL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT. I ALWAYS DO.



"THERE IS  
STILL TIME."

**WAKANDA.  
THE DISTANT  
PAST.**

PERHAPS  
WE ARE TOO  
LATE.

NONSENSE,  
GHEKRE, THE SCENT  
OF MAN IS IN  
THE AIR.

YES, BUT IT IS  
QUIET, TOO QUIET.  
A PLACE BEREFT OF  
SOUND IS BEREFT  
OF LIFE.

HMMPH! YOU  
FEAR SO MUCH TO  
BE SO BIG! WHAT  
CREATURE BORNE OF  
A DEMON COULD  
STAND AGAINST  
A GOD?

EHP?

FSST  
FSST  
FSST

FSST

FSST

FSST  
FSST

YOU WISH  
TO KNOW  
WHO'D CHALLENGE  
A GOD?

WELL,  
LET US  
SEE!





THEN  
LOOK CLOSELY  
AT YOUR  
DEMISE!

TAKE CARE,  
KOKOU!

THE  
DEMON HAS  
ALREADY Sired  
OFFSPRING?!

NO, THEY  
ARE **HUMAN**. DEAD,  
BUT ABLE TO ROAM  
THE EARTH.

THERE IS  
LIGHT INSIDE THE  
TEMPLE. A FIRE,  
PERHAPS?

IF IT BE  
TRUE, THEN  
**KOKOU** WILL  
MAKE USE  
OF IT!






FACE ME,  
DEMON!

LET  
YOURSELF  
BE HUMBLLED  
BY THE MIGHT  
OF A TRUE  
GOD!

YOU  
DARE?!



I WILL  
DESTROY YOU!

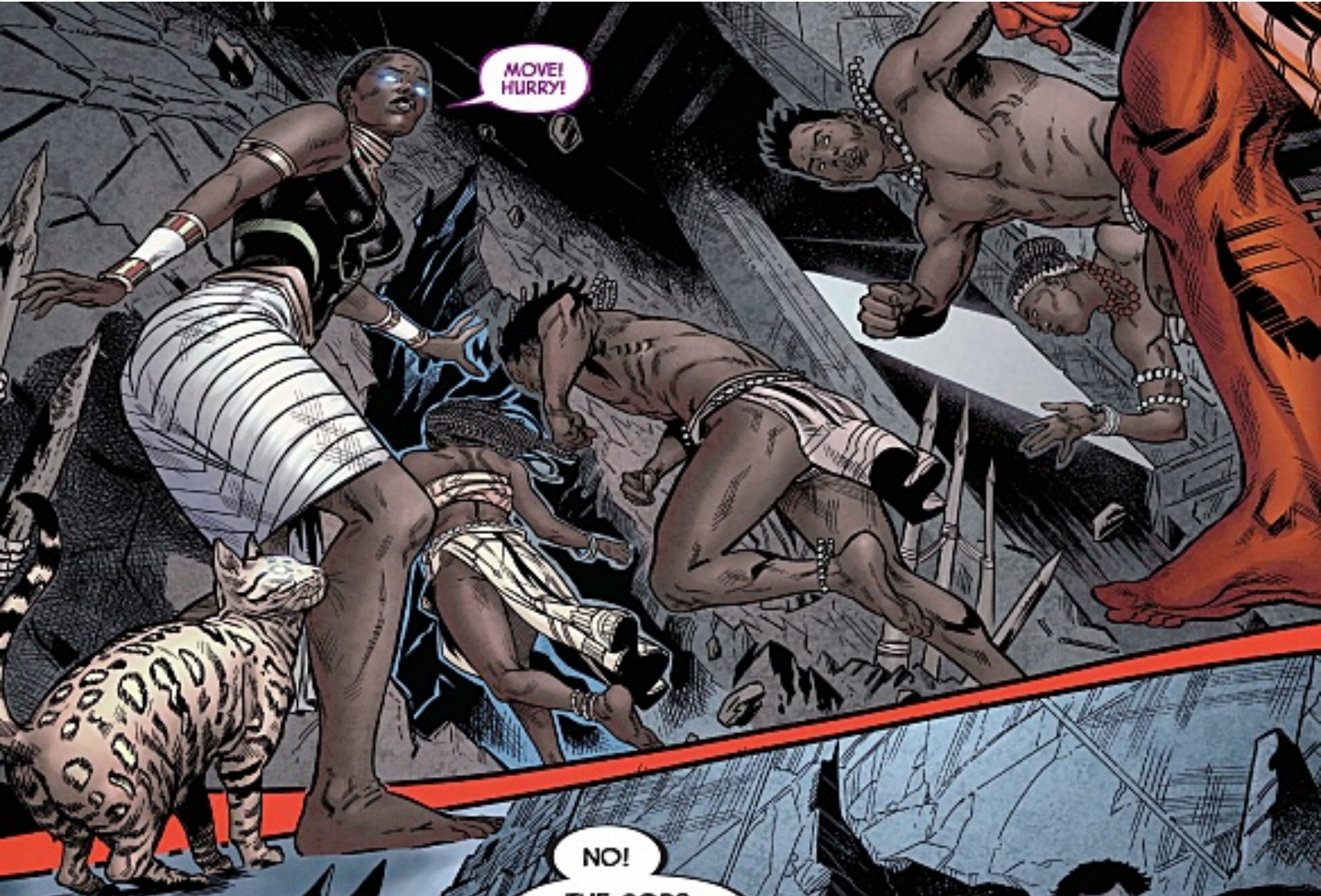
FOOL! YOU  
CANNOT DESTROY  
WHAT IS IMMORTAL!  
WHAT YOU WILL NEVER  
BE! KOKOU WILL SEE  
TO THAT!




RRRAGGGH!

COME WITH  
ME! QUICKLY  
NOW!









LISTEN TO ME.  
FOR **THREE DAYS**,  
YOU WILL FOLLOW THE  
PANTHERS WEST. FOR  
**THREE MORE**, YOU  
WILL WAIT. AND THEN  
ALL OF YOU WILL  
RETURN.

TO  
THIS PLACE!  
I CAN'T!

YOU CAN  
AND YOU WILL.  
BECAUSE I **COMMAND**  
YOU TO! AND BAST  
DOES NOT **COMMAND**  
**COWARDS!**

TRUST IN ME,  
NYAMI, THE GODS  
MAKE A PROMISE TO ALL  
OF YOU TONIGHT. THOSE  
WHO TILL THIS LAND WILL  
NEVER WEAR CHAINS AGAIN!  
THE **ENNEAD** AND  
THE **ORISHA** WILL  
SEE TO THAT.

"FROM THIS DAY FORTH,  
WAKANDANS WILL  
ALWAYS WALK FREE!"



SUNDEATH:  
29:42:33.

SHE IS **STRONG**--TOO STRONG FOR ME TO BATTLE--AND SO I ACCEPT THE WILL OF A GOD I DO NOT BELIEVE IN, EVEN IF THAT **BLIND FAITH** LEADS TO MY DEATH.

BUT **DEATH** IS NOT WHAT **ANUKET** OFFERS. INSTEAD, SHE DANGLES A NEW FORM OF **LIFE** BEFORE ME, THE ENDURING BLOOD OF A **RIVER GODDESS**.

I CAN SENSE HER **ESSENCE** IN THE DARK WATERS BEFORE I CAN EVEN TASTE IT.

I DRINK HER IN AND IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTAND THE **BLOODCOVEN'S** FEROCITY, TO FEED FROM A GOD, TO BE ONE WITH **IMMORTALITY**--IF ONLY FOR AN INSTANT--CREATES A DESIRE I MIGHT **END WORLDS** TO FULFILL.



SHE BREAKS FROM ME, BUT I HAVE ALREADY  
BEEN **CHANGED**. THE **CRAVING** FOR HER  
BLOOD HAS **MARKED** ME--BOUND ME TO  
YET ANOTHER SUPERNATURAL BEING. AND I  
AM NOT ONE TO EASILY ACCEPT A **LOSS**  
OF **CONTROL**.

ANUKET HAS MADE ME  
**STRONGER**, MORE  
**RESILIENT**. BUT WHAT  
I WISH TO BE IS **FREE**.



FREEDOM IS NOT  
**GIVEN**. IT MUST  
BE **EARNED**.

WON IN A BATTLE  
OF **WILLS**.





AND MY BATTLE  
HAS JUST *BEGUN*.

WAKANDAN,  
YOU HAVE MADE A  
*GRAVE MISTAKE*  
INTRUDING UPON  
ATLANTEAN  
WATERS!

LEAVE NOW,  
OR THIS *TEMPLE*  
WILL BE YOUR  
*TOMB*.

TO BE CONCLUDED.



NEXT:

# BLACK PANTHER

## BLOOD HUNT

3

T'Challa has arrived at the hidden temple...but armed Atlanteans greet him at the door, and they've got the upper hand in an underwater battle! And even if Black Panther successfully claims the temple, what of Varnae's plans? What sabotage does T'Challa have up his sleeve?



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# BLOOD HUNT

## CHECKLIST

### JUNE

- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- ☒ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- ☒ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- ☒ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- ☒ FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- ☒ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☒ BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- ☒ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- ☒ VENOM #34
- ☒ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ AVENGERS #15
- ☒ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

### JULY

- ☐ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- ☐ DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- ☐ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- ☐ WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ AVENGERS #16
- ☐ HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4